

REMARKS:

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Examiner's comments in the Final Office Action and the Advisory Action and have prepared the following response. Initially, Applicants note that the amendments to claims 11 – 13 in this response are the same amendments that were in the response filed on March 20, 2006 and have been merely carried forward into this response (as well as the canceling of other claims) as the March 20, 2006 response was not entered as indicated in the Advisory Action.

Claims 1 – 10 and 12 have been canceled.

Claims 11 and 13 have been amended.

Claims 11, 13 and 14 remain pending in this application.

Applicants express appreciation that the Examiner has indicated that claim 11 would be allowable if rewritten into independent form to include all the limitations of its base claim and any intervening claims. By this paper, Applicants have rewritten claim 11 into independent form including any base and intervening claims. In addition, Applicants have amended claim 13 to depend from amended allowable independent claim 11. Applicants have also amended claim 13 responsive to the examiners 35 USC §112, second paragraph, rejection in item 7b of the Final Office Action to now state, "...said flexible sheet comprises...". Applicants also note that claim 14 is supported in paragraph 23 of the originally filed application and no new matter has been added.

As a result, Applicants believe this amendment is fully responsive to the Final Office Action as well as the comments in the Advisory Action and the application is now in condition for allowance.

While Applicants have cancelled rejected claims from this application, the cancellation of these claims is not to be construed as an acquiescence to the Examiner's position regarding the asserted references or the rejected claims. Applicants have cancelled the rejected claims merely to expedite

issuance of the allowed claims, and hereby preserve the right to again pursue the rejected claims in a continuation application.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the claims are patentable over the prior art and the application is in a condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request an early notice of allowance. The Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned for any reason which would help advance the instant application to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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